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NEED REALISTIC APPROACH TO PLANNING: MAYOR DALEY

More than 500 civic leaders and neighborhood officials heard Mayor Richard J. Daley discuss plans for continued progress in urban renewal and city planning at a civic assembly marking the 50th anniversary of the Chicago Plan Commission.

"We can be proud that Chicago has been a pioneer in the field of urban renewal. No city in the nation has an urban renewal program more advanced than ours," said the Mayor.

He pointed out the need for a realistic approach to city planning. He said his administration would continue to, "streamline planning procedures, cut red tape, reduce overlapping by consolidating agencies wherever possible, and to employ the best talent in the field."

Mayor Daley stressed the importance of the community organization in the city's development and the need for additional federal aid for urban renewal.

The Chicago Plan Commission was established in 1909, when Mayor Fred A. Busse appointed 328 men as members. Its purpose was to study and carry out the original Plan of Chicago which had been prepared under the auspices of the Commercial Club, a private organization made up of prominent Chicago businessmen.

The civic celebration was attended by a special group of guests of honor. They included Daniel H. Burnham Jr., the son of the late Daniel Burnham, principal architect of the 1907 "Plan of Chicago;" a cousin, Col. Burnham Batson; Mrs. Ella T. Wacker, widow of the late Charles H. Wacker; Mrs. Rosalie Wacker Zimmerman, his daughter; Mrs. Frederick G. Wacker, his daughter-in-law; and Frederick G. Wacker Jr. and Charles Wacker Zimmerman, his grandsons.

James C. Downs Jr., chairman of the board, Real Estate Research Corporation, served as master of ceremonies. Clair M. Roddewig, chairman of the Plan Commission, spoke on the commission's history.

Other speakers who commended the work of the Chicago Plan Commission for the past 50 years included, Commissioner Ira J. Bach; Deputy Commissioner Clifford J. Campbell; D. E. Mackelmann, commissioner, Community Conservation Board; Phil A. Doyle, executive director, Chicago Land Clearance Commission; Alvin E. Rose, executive director, Chicago Housing Authority; Alderman Arthur V. Zelezinski, chairman, City Council Committee on Planning and Housing; and Frank G. Sulewski, president, Association of Community Councils.

In a brief statement concerning the department's current work program, Commissioner Bach compared the need for planning the next 50 years with the accomplishments of the 1907 Chicago Plan.

He said, "Fifty years ago, Chicago had just realized its role as a major city. Today, we are on the threshold of becoming a city of great international importance. As the city's international role expands, the most significant commodity to be imported or exported will be ideas.

"It is our responsibility, as citizens and planners, to interpret these ideas in terms of Chicago's unique character," he added.



At the commemoration of the Chicago Plan Commission 50th anniversary December 18, Mayor Richard J. Daley greets Mrs. Charles H. Wacker, widow of the commission's first chairman.

Also participating in the program were (left to right) Ira J. Bach, commissioner of city planning; Daniel H. Burnham Jr., son of the late Daniel H. Burnham, architect who designed the 1907 Plan of Chicago; James C. Downs Jr., chairman of the board, Real Estate Research Corporation; and Clair M. Roddewig, Chairman, Chicago Plan Commission.

1960 BUDGET APPROVED

Chicago's City Council has approved a 1960 budget of \$830,539 for the Department of City Planning. This is an increase of \$66,909 over last year's total budget of \$763,630. It provides for 95 staff members, an increase of 13 over 1959.

This allocation will allow the department to intensify its work program for revising the General Plan by 1962.

Related objectives for 1960 are:

1. To complete preparation of the Urban Renewal Action Program, which will serve as a guide to renewal agencies.
2. To prepare a series of policy statements covering the basic elements of the General Plan.
3. To continue studies of Chicago's economy, social environment, building conditions, and land use.
4. To continue review and advisory services in the fields of capital improvements, zoning, and urban renewal.
5. To gain support for Chicago's planning program by public information and educational services.

RESEARCH INTERCHANGE COMMITTEE

The recently established Research Interchange Committee provides a new method for coordinating the research activities of Chicago planning agencies.

Its first meeting was held on November 9 at the Department of City Planning. Dr. Philip M. Hauser and Dr. Evelyn M. Kitagawa of the University of Chicago Community Inventory described the methods to be used for compiling and tabulating 1960 Census of Population data.

Paul N. Zimmerer, director of the department's research division, serves as chairman of the committee. The research division will direct preparation of special reports on 1960 census data.

One purpose of the committee is to determine the kinds of census information needed by each agency. Members will also exchange information, to avoid duplication and facilitate research activities. They will meet again in January to discuss the 1960 Census of Housing.

Official representatives on the committee are Jerral Harper, Department of City Planning general plan division; Yuan Liang, Department of City Planning research division; Bert Schloss, Chicago Commission on Human Relations; Harvey Schwartz, Community Conservation Board.

Also Marc Shirley, Tenants' Relocation Bureau; Jack Silverman, Chicago Housing Authority; and Frank Zundel, Chicago Land Clearance Commission.

FOREIGN VISITORS

City planners, architects, and government officials from various parts of the world continue to visit the Department of City Planning for information, orientation, and publications.

More than 185 persons from 27 foreign countries were guests of the department during 1959.

Staff members confer with these visitors in order to provide a realistic picture of the department's programs, responsibilities, and administrative organization. In many cases, visitors are taken on conducted tours to urban renewal areas and planning sites by the staff of the public information section. They attend Chicago Plan Commission meetings and confer with division chiefs for specific data.

Many state department visitors in the fields of planning and public works are referred to the department by the federal Housing and Home Finance Agency.

In May 1959, Norman P. Mason, HHFA Administrator, presented a certificate of recognition to the department for its assistance in accommodating these visitors.

The certificate reads: "To the City of Chicago Department of City Planning. For outstanding service and assistance to the Housing and Home Finance Agency in the orientation and training of foreign visitors studying under programs of the United States government and international organizations."

STAFF POSITIONS

The Chicago Department of City Planning is now accepting applications for a wide range of staff positions, authorized by the 1960 budget.

Opportunities will be available for persons with training and experience in the fields of city planning, architecture, landscape architecture, urban geography, engineering, economics, or sociology, as planners and research assistants. Graphic artists, draftsmen, and stenographers are also needed.

Further information may be obtained from Richard A. Pavia, Administrative Assistant, Department of City Planning, Room 1006 City Hall, Chicago 2, Illinois.

CENTRAL AREA DEVELOPMENTS

Three key Central Area Plan proposals, for railroad consolidation, a Chicago campus for the University of Illinois, and transportation center, have advanced toward accomplishment in the last few weeks.

The Department of City Planning presented the plan to Mayor Richard J. Daley and the Chicago Plan Commission in August 1958.

The Chicago Railroad Terminal Authority has approved a plan for consolidating service at the Dearborn, LaSalle and Grand Central stations. Mayor Daley presented the proposal on December 14. Representatives of the railroads involved are expected to act on the plan within 40 days from that date.

The Chicago Plan Commission approved the proposal as it is in substantial compliance with the Development Plan for the Central Area on January 7.

Through this development, 130 acres would be made available for a new University of Illinois campus on the near south side. Consulting engineers report that consolidation could be accomplished within a year. The terminal authority would issue revenue bonds to finance the plan, operate terminal facilities and execute leases to cover operating costs and debt amortization.

Passenger operations would be relocated to an enlarged and modernized Union Station, just west of the river. An exception would be the Rock Island suburban trains. The authority would construct a new station for this service at Congress and Franklin.

Union Station expansion is an important element in the Central Area Plan transportation center proposal. The center, just west of the river along Madison and Monroe streets, would serve as an efficient entry and transfer point for all forms of transportation.

The West Central Association presented a proposal for Gateway Center in this area to Mayor Daley on November 19. It makes more specific recommendations on parts of the Central Area Plan proposal.

Included would be a 3,100-car parking facility near the Northwest-Congress expressway interchange. A consolidated airlines terminal for airport buses, a heliport and a park and plaza would also be provided.

The first development in the association's plan would be the parking facility. It would minimize additional downtown traffic congestion when the city's remaining portion of the Northwest expressway opens in 1960.

Land acquisition for the Gateway Center through a federally assisted urban renewal project was proposed by the association. It also called for construction of parking and terminal buildings with revenue bond financing.

JOHN L. McCAFFREY NAMED TO PLAN COMMISSION

John L. McCaffrey, former chairman of the board and president of International Harvester Company, has been named vice chairman of the Chicago Plan Commission. Mayor Richard J. Daley made the recommendation on November 18, and it was confirmed by the City Council on December 7.

McCaffrey's appointment fills a vacancy which has existed since 1957, when Clair M. Roddewig was named chairman after the resignation of Col. William M. Spencer.

In 1909, McCaffrey joined International Harvester as a warehouse clerk. In 1940 he was elected vice president. During World War II he served as chairman of the company's Post-War Planning Committee, which directed the development of new products and facilities after the war.

McCaffrey, 67, was selected a director in 1941, president in



John L. McCaffrey

1946, and chairman of the board and chief executive officer in 1956. He retired from the company in March 1959, but still serves on the boards of American Telephone and Telegraph Company; Harris Trust and Savings Bank; Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railroad; Corn Products Refining Company; and Pheoll Manufacturing Company.

He has received honorary degrees from the College of the Holy Cross, Northeastern University, DePaul University, and Loyola University. In 1956 the French government presented him with its Legion of Honor. He is a member of the Commercial and Chicago clubs.

1959 PUBLICATIONS

Seven major publications were prepared and released by the Department of City Planning in 1959.

Copies of four documents are still available for distribution. The others are on file in the Municipal Reference Library, Room 1005 City Hall, and the Department of City Planning library, room 1006 City Hall.

These publications are:

- 1958 Annual Report, Department of City Planning (file copies only)
- 1958 Annual Report, Chicago Plan Commission
- 1959-1963 Capital Improvements Program, Prepared by capital improvements program division (file copies only)
- Vacant Land in the City of Chicago, 1958, Prepared by research division, Study No. 1, Land Use Series (file copies only)
- 1958 Residential Construction, and Trends 1950 to 1958, Prepared by research division, Study No. 1, Housing Series
- Projected Population in the Chicago Standard Metropolitan Area, City and Ring, to 1980, Prepared by Chicago Community Inventory, University of Chicago, for the Department of City Planning, Estimates and Projections No. 3, Population Series
- City of Chicago Workable Program for Urban Renewal, 1959, Prepared by coordination division

For further details on obtaining these publications, contact the Public Information Section, Department of City Planning.

FORTHCOMING PUBLICATIONS

The research division of the department is engaged in an extensive program to provide accurate information and reliable estimates on the city's past growth and future development.

Studies are being published in four major categories: housing, population, economic base, and land use. They will provide a sound basis for the revision of Chicago's General Plan.

At the same time these documents will provide vital information for other public agencies, private firms and civic organizations. Printed copies will be distributed by the department's public information section.

Paul N. Zimmerer, director of the research division, says four major publications in the economic base and housing series will be ready for distribution in the early part of 1960.

"A unique aspect of the economic base study is the provision of specific data relating to the City of Chicago only. Most studies of this type deal with entire metropolitan areas," Zimmerer said.

The first is "Employment in the City of Chicago, with Projections to 1965," prepared by Zarko G. Bilbija of the research division staff. Second will be "The Movement and Expansion of Industry in the City of Chicago, 1947-1957," prepared by Robert F. Whiting; and the third release will be "Locational Patterns of Major Industries in the City of Chicago," by Carl Lassou and Zarko G. Bilbija.

In the housing series, a study of families relocated because of new Chicago Housing Authority construction is nearing completion. It is being done by Gerald S. Newman.

Three publications in the land use, housing and population series were released and distributed in 1959.



Mayor Richard J. Daley presents civic award to Leroy J. Ziegele, honoring his 25 years of service to the city of Chicago.

LEROY J. ZIEGELE HONORED

Department of City Planning employees honored Leroy J. Ziegele, director of the zoning division, for 25 years of service to the City of Chicago, at a dinner on November 18.

More than 80 persons attended, including representatives of housing and planning agencies, former associates of Ziegele, and staff members. The dinner was held at Toffenetti's Restaurant, 163 N. Clark St.

Ira J. Bach, commissioner of city planning, presented Ziegele with an honorary award plaque and a wrist watch, given by employees and friends. Clifford J. Campbell, deputy commissioner, served as master of ceremonies.

At the speakers' table were Frederick T. Aschman and Carl Gardner, former executive directors of the Chicago Plan Commission; D. E. Mackelmann, Commissioner, Community Conservation Board; State Senator James Strunk; Prof. Harold Mayer, University of Chicago; John Root, architect and former Plan Commission member; Joseph Benson, Municipal Reference Librarian; Miss Helen Whitehead, Department of City Planning librarian; and William Kaiser, former chief draftsman for the Plan Commission.

Ziegele began work with the Plan Commission on November 20, 1934, after seven years in the office of Holabird and Root, architects. As assistant to the chief engineer he supervised Chicago planning programs under the federal Work Projects Administration. He worked on preliminary plans for expansion of Midway and Meigs airports and the Chicago River locks.

During the 1930's, he supervised studies for the Chicago Recreation Commission. As secretary for the Commission on West Side Superhighways, he assisted in determining the location of the Congress Street expressway. In 1939, he was reclassified as a city planner.

When the Medical Center Commission was established in 1941, Ziegele was in charge of its technical work until it obtained its own staff. In the early 1940's he worked on a series of studies resulting in the selection of the site for O'Hare Field and assisted in the first master plan of major thoroughfares. In 1949 he supervised preparation of the preliminary comprehensive city plan, published in 1946.

Ziegele worked with the Chicago Park District and the Chicago Housing Authority in selecting sites for their post-war developments. Appointed chief land planner in 1955, Ziegele acted as coordinator between the Plan Commission and the City Council rezoning staff. The comprehensive amendment to the zoning ordinance was adopted in 1957.

When the Department of City Planning was established in 1957, Ziegele was appointed director of the zoning and project review division.

During his 25 years with the Chicago Plan Commission, Ziegele has served under Hugh E. Young, chief engineer, and five executive directors, Theodore T. McCrosky, Evert Kincaid, Carl L. Gardner, Frederick T. Aschman and Paul van T. Hadden, and presently under Ira J. Bach, the Commissioner of City Planning.

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PLAN COMMISSION ACTIONS IN NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER

The Chicago Plan Commission reviewed two urban renewal projects, the Capital Improvements Program and amendments to the Chicago Zoning Ordinance during November and December.

Following are the actions taken:

1. Redevelopment plan for the Groveland Park area of Chicago Land Clearance Commission Project No. 1.

This 3.4 acre site in the southeast corner of the Lake Meadows area will be rebuilt with residences and new facilities for the Brain Research Foundation. Approved November 5.

2. Chicago Dwellings Association project No. 2. CDA will develop vacant lots in the area bounded by 113th Place,

May Street, 115th Street, and Racine Avenue with middle-income single-family homes, to be offered for sale. The Chicago Housing Authority will acquire the land for CDA. Approved December 17, with the recommendation that lot sizes be increased before development.

3. Chairman Clair M. Roddewig appointed a subcommittee on December 17, to review in detail nineteen proposed test amendments to the zoning ordinance. Joel Goldblatt served as subcommittee chairman. Members are John L. McCaffrey, commission vice-chairman, and H. Stanley Wanzer.

Ira J. Bach, commissioner of city planning; John G. Duh, mayor's administrative officer; and Lloyd M. Johnson, commissioner of streets and sanitation, presented further information on the 1959-1963 Capital Improvements Program at both meetings.

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